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Humidity : 76

March 30, 1914

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FINE
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TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1915.

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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN DEVILRY.

LAUGHING AT THE STRUGGLES OF DROWNING PEOPLE.

THRILLING STORIES OF BRITISH SEAMANSHIP.

RUSSIA'S BALTIC FLEET GREATLY STRENGTHENED.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

Liner Submarined.

March 29, 5.10 p.m.
The outward bound West African mail liner Falaba, 4,800 tons, with 140 passengers and 120 crew, has been submarine off Milford Haven.

A Lowestoft trawler rescued about 140 passengers and crew.

Survivors relate that the submarine circled round the people in the water, laughing at their struggles.

[The Falaba, built in 1908 by Messrs. A. Stephen and Sons, Glasgow, belonged to the Elder Line, Ltd., of which Elder, Dempster and Co., Ltd., are the managers.]

Observation Post Blown Up.

March 29, 4.45 p.m.

A Paris communiqué states:

We blew up with a mine a German observation post in the Ypres region.

A Violent Engagement.

The enemy tried to retake trenches at Los Eparges, which he lost on the 27th, but after a violent engagement our gain was entirely maintained. The enemy set foot on some parts of their old trenches, but we made progress at other points.

Germany Provoking Holland.

March 29, 5.55 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that M. Pichon, formerly Minister for Foreign Affairs, writes that Germany is deliberately provoking the Netherlands, and he suggests that her object is the obtaining of more suitable naval bases with a view to an eventual battle between the British and German Fleets, which sooner or later is inevitable.

General Von Kluck Wounded.

March 29, 5.55 p.m.

Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent wires that a Berlin official statement says the western front is comparatively quiet, and adds that General von Kluck was slightly wounded by shrapnel while inspecting advanced positions in Argonne.

Russian Fleet Strengthened.

March 29, 3.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that it has been announced that the Russian Fleet in the Baltic has been reinforced by modern fighting units, thus affording additional strength to the coast towns.

This statement has a most important bearing on the whole naval question, since Russia laid down four Dreadnoughts in 1900 and four super-Dreadnoughts, with nine fourteen-inch guns on each, in 1912.

Latest Casualties.

March 29, 6.5 p.m.

Reuter reports the following casualties:

Killed—O. N. Andrews, E. Odling, F. Schröder, G. H. Wyndham.

Wounded—E. Kerland, T. Nugent, W. Ockleston, A. W. Pagan, C. G. Phillips (Royal Lancasters), H. R. Russell, D. Sheridan, H. M. Worsley.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

The Gallant Vosges.

March 29, 12.25 p.m.

The captain of the Vosges, on being interviewed by the Press, said that five of the passengers volunteered, and, stripped to the waist, assisted the stokers during the shelling of the vessel.

The Vosges tried unsuccessfully to ram the submarine. She also fired rockets continually for help.

Three boats were destroyed by a shell, which carried off the British Ensign, but the latter was quickly replaced.

Singing "Tipperary."

A steward attended the wounded.

After the submarine had disappeared the Vosges continued at full speed for an hour, the pumps working. She met a patrol boat which took her in tow. Shortly afterwards, the Vosges sinking, all took to the remaining boats in the most orderly manner, and the crew rowed to the patrol boat singing "Tipperary."

Merchant Skipper's Heroism.

March 29, 12.45 p.m.

Reuter's London correspondent says that the details of the torpedoing of the s.s. Bluejacket on March 18 reveal considerable heroism.

After the crew took to the boats, though the Bluejacket was listing heavily, the captain boarded her alone and inspected the damage.

He decided to attempt to navigate her.

Half the crew refused to return, but others brought the ship despite a gale and a heavy sea, into Southampton, and saved 3,500 tons of grain.

I Think I Can Get the Blighter.

March 29, 12.45 p.m.

It is reported from Rotterdam that a German submarine got a surprise in the North Sea yesterday. She was lying eight miles from the Mass lightship, flying the signal "Heave to!", when the Great Eastern cargo boat City of Brussels appeared.

The skipper, Captain Wyatt, ignored the order and shouted: "Put the helm over, I think I can get the blighter!"

The Brussels then crossed the spot. There is no evidence that the submarine was sunk, although a stoker declares that he felt a bump.

A Week's "Blockade."

(Official Telegram from the British Foreign Office.)

March 28, 4.45 p.m.

The Admiralty announces that during the week March 17th to 24th, 1,450 vessels sailed to or from ports in Great Britain, 3 ships being torpedoed by enemy submarines, of which one, however, reached port.

A Taube Brought Down.

(Havas Telegram.)

March 28.

Yesterday was a calm day.

We brought down a Taube in the Manonviller region. The pilot was taken prisoner.

To-day Belgian troops bombarded an aviation camp at Ghisléville. We carried 300 metres of trenches on the heights of the Meuse and 150 metres at Eparges.

German War Loan.

A Wolff Agency telegram reports that the German Imperial Loan attains more than nine milliard marks. The Norwegian newspaper Verdensgatg asserts that the success of the loan is more apparent than real and deplores the fact that Germany does not clearly see the situation.

Russian Progress.

Petrograd: In the Carpathians, the Russians progressed considerably in the direction of Bartefeld, repulsing important forces. The Russians, after the Kozitska battle, took 2,500 prisoners and captured 7 machine guns.

When they effected a raid on Hoboken, British aviators exploded a submarine, damaged another and wounded more than 300 workmen.

TELEGRAMS.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

British Teach the Germans a Lesson in Courage.

March 29, 12.25 p.m.

The wounded of the Vosges include a Belgian lady passenger and a boy of fifteen.

All the wounded have been lodged in Turo Infirmary. They narrate that the Captain ignored the submarine's signal to heave to and a duel of seamanship ensued. The Vosges maneuvered and got the submarine astern, so that the submarine was incapable of using her torpedo. Blank shot failing to produce any effect, the submarine fired live shell.

LOCATED AT 300 FEET DEPTH.

London, Received March 29.

A message from Point Sagre

states that the steamer Holywell,

from Calcutta for Liverpool,

reports a fire in number four

hold, which has been extin-

guished.

THE AMERICAN SUBMARINE.

LOCATED AT 300 FEET DEPTH.

London, Received March 29.

A New York despatch states

that the sunken American sub-

marine has been located at a

depth of 300 ft.

Efforts to tow her into shallow water have been

fruitless, and hope has been

abandoned of saving the crew.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

The latest British casualty list appears on this page.

The German casualties in Alsace during the past few days have been very heavy.

Thrilling stories of a duel of seamanship are told by the survivors of the s.s. Vosges.

General Von Kluck has been wounded by shrapnel while inspecting advanced positions in Argonne.

Details of the torpedoing of the steamer Bluejacket show the heroism displayed by the captain and members of the crew.

The Russian Black Sea Fleet has bombarded the outside forts and batteries in the Bosphorus on both sides of the Straits.

Survivors from the Falaba state that a submarine circled round the people in the water, laughing at their struggles.

"Eyewitness" at the British Headquarters says that Neuve Chapelle to-day suggests an earthquake has occurred there.

A German submarine got a surprise off the Mass lightship when the steamer City of Brussels turned about and attempted to ram her.

Russian aviators flying above the Turkish batteries in the Bosphorus dropped bombs successfully and escaped, the enemy's heavy gunfire.

In the British air raid on Hoboken a new submarine was split in half and another seriously damaged, while 300 workmen were injured.

The West African mail liner Falaba, with 140 passengers and 120 crew, has been submarine off Milford Haven. One hundred and forty people were rescued.

M. Pichon suggests that Germany is deliberately provoking the Netherlands with the object of obtaining more suitable naval bases for an eventual battle between the British and German Fleets.

NEWS.

Further Notes on the Crime appear on page 4.

General news and an article headed "British Finance" appear on page 3.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, Commercial News on page 3, and Log Book on page 6.

An announcement regarding the coming performance of "The Last Judgment" appears elsewhere.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME MARKETS.

LATEST PRODUCE PRICES.

(Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph.")

London, Received March 29.

Copper 68.12, selling 53/0.

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nat oil 46.45, 49. Cope,

20.3-4 bavars, Coconut, 39/3.

Commission for Another

Shanghai Man.

We are informed that Mr.

Percy Lamb, who left Shanghai

for Home on Christmas Day, has

been posted to Lieutenant in the

8th Battalion Buffs.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Drought in the West.

Telegrams from Kweiyang, dated the 16th instant, state that rain is much needed, and the authorities have prohibited the selling of meat. A telegram of the same date from Chengtu reports that the long drought in Szechuan was ended that day by heavy rains, which have saved the crops, and a good harvest is assured.

Foreign Trade of Japan.
The Department of Agriculture and Commerce reports:—The foreign trade of Japan during the month of February was Yen 49,000,000 of exports and Yen 40,000,000 of imports and the total foreign trade of Japan since 1st January compared with that of 1914 of the same period shows a decrease of over Yen 10,000,000 in exports and of over Yen 40,000,000 in imports.

Mill and Treitschke.
Treitschke hated John Stuart Mill, says the Manchester Guardian. Mill's "Liberty" was a red rag to him. He saw that Mill's belief in freedom for the individual, in variety of associations within the State, in deliberate abstention from Government interference with "opinion," was the flat opposite of his own conviction. Yet Mill's political conception has made modern England and the British Empire, of-to-day. Treitschke's have helped in making the modern German Empire, and have kept open the wound between Germany and France. The rival theories of Mill and Treitschke are arrayed against one another on a colossal scale in the present war.

The Adaptable English-Chinese Appreciation.

In an interview before his departure from London his Excellency Low Yuk Lin, the retiring Chinese Minister, expressed his regret at leaving England. During his four years' sojourn he had many friends, and wherever he went he had met with every courtesy and kindness. Asked for his impressions of his stay, his Excellency said:—"What impresses me most is your people's healthy love of sport, and it does one's heart good to behold an English Saturday football crowd. Our students at home used to be taught that 'diligence in study is profitable, but play is sheer waste of time.' But I am glad to say our students here have learned your lesson that 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,' and have even distinguished themselves in lawn tennis, football, chess, etc., and only a month or so ago a Chinese 'fresher' won the Cambridge billiards handicap trophy. When he was asked his view about the war his Excellency remarked that he must make his bow to the English people for their wonderful adaptability; 'for,' he said, "the way you have dropped all sport for the present, and gone into this struggle is truly marvellous."

Farms For Boys.

The Sydney Evening News says:—During the year 83 boys were admitted to the Farm Home for Boys at Gosford, and 73 were discharged, 12 being apprenticed, 50 liberated on probation, and two transferred to the Mittagong Farm Home. The total expenditure for the year was £4,202. An additional 20 acres have been cleared, and prepared for cultivation. A second hand electric plant was transferred from the Long Bay Reformatory, and will, in a few weeks, provide power for lighting, pumping, wood work, etc. The superintendent reports that a better method of supervision for apprentices and probationers has been adopted, which keeps the lads in closer touch with the institution. An experiment has been tried, with great success, of having boys between the age of 16 and 18 years, who have been committed to gaol—discharged on licence to the Gosford Farm Home for Boys for the remainder of their term of detention. The boys realise and appreciate the greater freedom, the milder discipline, and, above all, the discharge from the institution, instead of from the gates of gaol, at the expiration of their sentence.

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THE HEALTH OF THE ARMY.

Stock Exchange Stagnation.

London, February 5.—Business does not expand on the Stock Exchange to the extent that was expected and hoped for; on the contrary, it has shown a disconcerting tendency to diminish and the number of official "markings" now averages about 2,500 per day as against 3,000 a week or two ago. It must be admitted (writes the *Straits Times*) correspondent) that the volume of business is terribly disappointing, especially when it is remembered that an originating purchase or sale may figure several times in the official record and it is generally agreed that individual transactions are mostly in small amounts.

But it is easier to state the facts than to suggest any means for improving the situation. Complaints are loud about the unnecessarily severe restrictions imposed by the Treasury and members are almost unanimous in declaring that they find it much more difficult to do business than when the House was closed. No doubt there are several directions in which experience has shown that some relaxation in the rules might safely be permitted, and it is sometimes triumphantly pointed out in favour of this view that nothing very dreadful has happened in New York since the market was released from bondage except as regards minimum prices. Wall Street, however, has only about a score of international securities to look after and the controlling groups are well able to take care of their own specialities. The position of London is quite different; it has no financial magnates in the American sense and if it had they could not protect its world-wide commitments.

It is most essential to frustrate any attempt of the enemy either to get credit by selling securities here or to create a panic by raiding the market, and it is difficult to see how this can be effectively accomplished except by adhering strictly to the regulations imposed by the Treasury. For the time being, therefore, transactions must be in cash and there must be a reasonable certainty that stocks offered have not been in enemy possession since September 30. This latter provision presents the chief stumbling block to more active dealings, and there can be no doubt that it has inflicted a certain amount of hardship on French and Belgian holders, while the necessary formalities are intricate and irritating. Everyone would like to see the regulations in this respect relaxed if it could be done with safety, but no really helpful suggestions have so far been made and we must put up with the inconvenience for the time being.

There are, however, other directions in which it is very difficult to understand the attitude of the Treasury—if it is responsible, which I am inclined to doubt. For instance with regard to minimum prices. It is quite inconceivable that any rational human being who knows the first letter of the alphabet of Stock

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Superintendent, Hongkong, March 25th, 1915.

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEATH.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1915.

THE IMPROVEMENT AREA SCHEME.

In commenting in this column, a few days since, on the insanitary and unhealthy condition of certain parts of the Kowloon Peninsula, we remarked, in passing, on the necessity of better facilities being given for the occupation and development of what are known as improvement areas. The question is of vital importance to the future growth of well-ordered settlements across the harbour, and a brief analysis of the situation should at the moment be both timely and interesting. We all know the baneful results which have sprung up, both in the city of Victoria and on the other side of the water, because of the studied manner in which town-planning has been ignored in the past. When it is explained, therefore, that the improvement area scheme is one by which past shortcomings in this respect shall be avoided, it will be admitted that it is one which deserves general support and one which, moreover, should be pushed on with all possible speed.

The Government realises, as the public does, that certain villages, from the ramshackle way in which building has been permitted—houses grouped together with no regard for symmetry and with no adequate approaches, drainage or open spaces—are the opposite of healthful. In most of these instances, therefore, the areas have been mapped out afresh, new street alignments made, etc., and the idea is strictly to regulate and encourage building within the new area. Thus, when a lot falls vacant in these old villages, through a building being condemned or destroyed by fire, the Government prohibits the erection of a new structure on the old lot, the owner of which may either get, in exchange for it, a new piece of land of the same size on some unspoken site within the improvement area, or, if he chooses, receive compensation at the rate of 50 cents per foot. The idea which underlies the scheme is a good one, and it is only matter for regret that the progress with the plan is so painfully slow as it is.

There are very obvious reasons why the scheme does not operate with greater rapidity. In the first place, 50 cents per foot is poor compensation for a lot-holder who, if permitted to erect even a one-storey shop on his lot, could easily obtain rent representing capital at the rate of \$2 per foot. Then it would not pay a Chinese shop-keeper who has been doing his business in the only or chief street of a village to move into the new area and sit quietly with his hands in his pocket, waiting for the new centre to develop. On the other hand, the Government has to make a beginning somewhere, and it cannot be expected to lay out a bushel of money until the new areas begin to take on some signs of life. The situation at present is a deadlock. The Government is anxious to see new, healthy villages, built on modern lines, take the places of the old, disreputable places; and the Chinese would no doubt appreciate the change if it were made possible for them, with their small means, to settle in the new localities. At present they stand not only to lose seriously but to face the necessity of borrowing in order to meet the heavy expense of building on reclaimed areas involving costly foundations, etc. It is hard to find the remedy, which would be relatively easy to discover were the majority of the lots in these villages owned by the Government. They are not, and the Government of course cannot afford to buy out private lot-holders. But the authorities should none the less seek out ways and means whereby a very desirable end may quickly be attained.

Police or Sanitary Board?

If the Police and the Sanitary Board would only make up their minds to settle between them "who is responsible for what," life in this Colony might be a deal more pleasant for Europeans. Under existing circumstances, offences which conduce neither to health nor to comfort are going on every day, with, apparently, no attempt on the part of either August body to take preventive measures. As an instance, on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, and again yesterday morning a little before nine, a large-sized carpet was being assiduously beaten in the public street. The dust rose in clouds of glory, very much to the delight and convenience of Europeans whose windows happened to look on to that particular thoroughfare, or who were walking or riding past at the time.

If any of our readers can think of another place within the British dominions, dignifying itself with the title of "city," where such a thing could happen, they might let us know. Privately we believe Hongkong to be unique in this respect.

The Magistrate and the Shoes.

Mr. Hazeland exhibited a delightfully grim humour in the police court yesterday, and, like all the best humour in the world, it had very decidedly a practical end to serve. A Chinese was charged with having stolen a pair of shoes.

The accused put up a defence which is not altogether new, particularly in Hongkong: he had not stolen the shoes; they were his own. How might a man steal what belonged to him? The magistrate, taking a severely matter-of-fact view of the situation, intimated that the proof of the ownership was in the wearing.

The test answered—from the Court's point of view, for no amount of persuasion would get the shoes off the feet of him who claimed them. Result: ten dollars or a month. The man's defiance but one of the thousand instances that come under our notice, within any given year, of the amazing combination of cunning and simplicity which goes to make up the Chinese law-breaker. But, after all, is it merely simplicity, or is it that we Britishers have given the Chinese so many examples of our own credulity in the past that they incline to the belief that, however palpable the lie or the fraud, we shall forthwith be taken in by it?

Chinese Seamen in British Vessels.

There is a very grave significance in the statement contained in one of Reuter's wires yesterday to the effect that the R. S. Delimito would have escaped the German submarine "but for the Chinese stokers" refusing to remain in the stockhole. The Seamen's Union has protested, on many occasions, against the employment of Chinese in ocean-going steamers, and we have once or twice endeavoured to show that the owners and the Chinese had rather more right on their side than the men. Usually Chinese stokers are fairly well-conducted fellows, and it goes without saying that, while passing through the tropics, the work of the stockhole had better be in their hands than in those of white men. That, however, is an argument that holds only in fair weather and in times of peace. Heroism is not the distinguishing characteristic of the Chinese coolie. We are not blaming him; he is as God made him and, as Colored Newcome says, a man can no more give himself courage than he can make himself six feet high. Where danger is to the fore the Chinese stoker will always be considerably more trouble than he is worth, and had the Seamen's Union made that point the basis of their objection to the employment of him, the owners might have been more likely to give way. Unfortunately the men have made it so apparent, all along, that their sole reason for objecting to the Chinese was that these did not come within the jurisdiction of the everlasting traders union, that employers who object to the tyranny of the said union had every excuse for holding to their own opinion in the matter.

DAY BY DAY.

BLESSED ARE THE HAPPINESS-MAKERS.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO KNOW HOW TO SHINE ON ONE'S GLOOM WITH THEIR CHEER.—Becher.

The Weather.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 64° fine.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 55° slight fog.

Count the Columns.
Yesterday the Telegraph published 30 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 34 published.

The Mails.
Canadian and U.K. Mails.—Closed per s.s. China to day at 11 p.m.

Canadian and U.K. Mails.—Closed per s.s. Canadian Maru to day at 1 p.m.

Up to the Minute—Share Market News.
Closing prices:

China Fins.—\$132, sellers.
Indo-China.—\$32, buyers.

China Sugars.—\$107, sellers.

Ewos.—Ts. 134, buyers.

Shanghai Cottons.—Ts. \$84, buyers.

Cements.—\$7, buyers.

Lingkats.—Ts. 35.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is £0.13-16d.

Raub Output.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Raub output for the past four weeks is 1,183 tons of gold.

To-day's Anniversary.

To-day is the anniversary of the Sicilian Vespers—the name given to the Massacre of the French in Sicily in 1282.

Constable Assaulted.

At the Police Court, this morning, an Indian was fined \$7 for assaulting Constable Reich and \$7 for assaulting a Chinese.

To Consignees.

Consignees of cargo by the s.s. Banvrlich are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to rent.

Egg-Separator.

The Dairy Farm Co. send us a useful little utensil which they are supplying to customers for use in separating the yolks and whites of eggs.

Coolie Expires.

The body of a coolie has been sent to the Kowloon mortuary. The man was working at some rice on the s.s. Telemachus when he suddenly collapsed and expired.

Dangerous Wall.

It is reported that the wall at the end of No. 3, French Street, is in a dangerous condition and is likely to fall down. The Public Works Department has been notified.

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—Li Kam-chuen, \$25.

Company Meetings.

Two Company meetings are to be held to-morrow—that of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at noon, and that of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at 11 a.m.

Colony's Health.

Last week there were five cases of enteric fever (non-fatal), three of small-pox (all fatal) and three of diphtheria (one fatal) notified in the Colony. All were Chinese save two British and one Malay, enteric; and one Eurasian, diphtheria; while two of the enteric cases were imported.

A Busy Night.

The Hongkong Hotel had a very busy night on Saturday owing to the dinners of the Hongkong Volunteers, Sergeant-Mess and the Medical Students of the University. The total number of diners catered for in the ordinary dining room, the grill room and at the two dinners must have been about four hundred.

Victoria Theatre.

We understand that the management of the Victoria Theatre has secured the rights of a fine new picture: "The Ocean's Battlefield" which should be of wide general interest. We are asked to say that it was by the wish of the management that the picture "The War of Wars" was withdrawn, and that in future no war picture will be shown at this theatre unless they have received the sanction of the Military Authorities. There will be a free matinee for soldiers on Tuesday, April 6.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

TURKEY'S APPROACHING DOOM.

Russia Coming into Prominence
on the Sea.

"THE LAST JUDGMENT."

Next Friday's Performance.

On Good Friday evening, at 9.15 o'clock, a performance of Spohr's "The Last Judgment" will be given in St. John's Cathedral, by a chorus which has been brought together by Mr. Denman Fuller. The rendering of this work is a matter of no little interest, for it is just about twenty years ago since it was last sung in the Cathedral. For the chorus Mr. Fuller has about one hundred voices and has secured a balance which should please the most captious critic, judging from the work that has been done at rehearsals, and it may safely be said that practically the whole body of amateur vocalists of the Colony has been included in this chorus.

Spohr's "Last Judgment" is certainly one of the more difficult works that are usually sung at the season, and the various forms of the different numbers test the capabilities of the chorus as perhaps no other oratorio does. Of solo work there is not a great deal; in fact it might be said that there is only one real solo—one of any length—and that is for the bass, but a feature is a fine duet and some excellent passages for quartette singing, which, with the choruses, should be well rendered by the fine choir that has been brought together. The instrumental portion of the work, which naturally is in the capable hands of Mr. Denman Fuller, is just about as intricate as it can be, moving at a very quick time, and providing some fine effects, for which Spohr's chromatic idiom is in no little way responsible.

A word must also be said with regard to the collection; it is for the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund. It seems to be only out here that the collection is to standard for estimating the size of a congregation, for the full church—as full as the Cathedral has been known to be on a Good Friday, and that it is overcrowding—has been known to produce just over two hundred dollars. That one thousand persons should contribute so small a sum between them looks bad enough on the face of it, but it is still worse when it is known that half of that sum is contributed in ten and five dollar notes. Then when the number of persons who give fifty, and twenty cent pieces is eliminated, the number who give even smaller sums is surprising. Even taking created, and one which can be taken into account which is a poor compliment that, after several weeks of hard rehearsing work on the part of the chorus, each of the one thousand auditors should consider their services worth something like twelve cents per hour for one performance. The analysis of the figure is as disheartening as it is distasteful, but it is to be hoped that one attendance at one of the big annual functions of the year will see that the Prince of Wales' Fund receives a substantial addition as the result of their offerings on that night.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output to date for the current month is as follows:

March 1 Tons. 231
2 249
3 228
4 259
5 229
6 229
7 217
8 232
9 243
10 250
11 238
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The Late Mr. W. V. Drummond.

The North China Daily News has the following:—In our brief notice yesterday of Mr. Drummond's death we spoke of him as "almost one of the institutions of Shanghai." The phrase is amply supported by the story of the long and interesting career which he passed in China—a career which brought him into close association with all the great names of the Far East, among which his own personality was by no means the least remarkable.

Mr. Drummond was born in London, and was connected with the Powys family, of which Lord Lifford is the head. As a young man he went to India and was engaged for some time in coffee-planting in Mysore. It was here that he met Mrs. Drummond, whose father was a general in the Indian Army, and they were married in 1864. After some three or four years in India, Mr. Drummond returned to London and was, in due course, called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1870. He then went to Australia, but after a short stay there came to Hongkong in December 1871, where he practised as a barrister. In December 1873 he was invited to Shanghai to join Mr. Rennie, Crown Advocate, afterwards Sir Richard Rennie—in practice, who was going home whence we believe, he did not return.

Since that date until his death Mr. Drummond had only once again, we believe, set foot in England. But the activity of his intellect led him to keep closely in touch with affairs at home, and it may be mentioned that he was a great friend of Sir Valentine Chirol, recently Foreign Editor of *The Times*, as of Dr. G. E. Morrison, with whom for many years he kept up a voluminous correspondence.

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As a lawyer, Mr. Drummond was unquestionably the ablest advocate of his time. He enjoyed all the cream of advocacy in Shanghai and was often called to take part in big cases in Hongkong. It is impossible to enumerate all the actions in which he took part, but the *cause célèbre* between the Cricket Club and the Race Club, over the question of the Cricket Club's pavilion, will be remembered by many residents. In recent years Mr. Drummond was connected with the sensational case of the Maori King. His last appearance in Court, we believe, was in the case *Douglas v. Hume*, of a year or two ago.

As will generally be recalled, Mr. Drummond held an official position under the Chinese as Legal Adviser to the Viceroy, his exact title being Chief Law Officer for Foreign Affairs. This position, he had for several years acted for the Taotai—was conferred on him in 1898, and he held it until the disappearance of all Viceroys in the Revolution of 1911. Among the Viceroys whom he served were such famous men as Shan Fai-chep, Liu Kwan-yi, Chang Chih-tung and Tsun Fang. It was, owing to Mr. Drummond's advice, that the Taotai of Shanghai rented the present Bureau of Foreign Affairs for the transaction of business, in which they used to go daily from the city.

Mr. Drummond was for a short time Crown Advocate, but this position he relinquished as being scarcely compatible with his duties as Adviser to the Viceroy. He had a very large Chinese practice and the insight which this gave him into Chinese affairs, acting on a natural taste for political questions, led him during the last few years of his life to devote himself closely to the study of Chinese politics. He was the author of many articles which appeared in the *N. C. Daily News* between 1911 and 1913 dealing with the Revolution and its probable consequences. Some of his deductions were justified by time, but in other respects he proved himself no better a prophet than has been the fate of most men who have tried to analyse the destiny of the Chinese people. Mr. Drummond, it may be mentioned, was honoured by the Manchu Throne with the Button of the 3rd rank for the Mission House Fund which he managed to raise at a time of

CANTON NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Canton, Mar. 28.
Government Transportation
of Rice.

A short time ago the Central Board of Interior Affairs sent word to all the provinces to re-establish the old bureaux for the transportation of rice by government boats. Governor Li thinks this would be a very bad thing for Kwangtung and he has wired the Board to ask to have the order rescinded. He says the traffic as it is now conducted is unsatisfactory, both by land and by water. The assumption of the old system would mean the expenditure of a large sum without a corresponding benefit. He declared the move would upset conditions so badly that there might be a great scarcity of food for some time.

Macao Boundary Question.

After repeated conferences, this question seems to be practically settled, since both sides appear to be satisfied. The lines have been agreed upon and a map of the region is to be published at once. Another point of discussion has, however, arisen, but it is not considered anything that will delay the matter. This is the fixing of the water-lines so as to protect the fisheries of the respective parties. Chinese fishermen claim that some of the Portuguese fishing boats are in the habit of occupying stations on waters that belong to the Chinese. This is also to be settled by the present conference so as to avoid misunderstandings in the future.

Improved Police Service.

The new Chief of Police has announced that he will give particular attention to the arrest and conviction of thieves in this city. With this end in view he has given orders that the force of detectives that have previously been kept in the Central station shall be distributed to the various sub-stations so that they may be in readiness to go on duty without loss of time. Only two are to be retained at the Central Station.

Another praiseworthy stand taken by the new Chief is embodied in his instructions to all the sub-stations to clean all the drains and muddy canals and to see to it that rubbish shall not be allowed to be thrown into the streets unless it is to be carried away at once. There is hope for betterment of the sanitation of the city under the new regime.

Loyal Chinese in Siam.

The Chinese merchants in Siam recently telegraphed the Canton authorities that they wished to be afforded an opportunity to purchase \$200,000 worth of the 1915 issue of Government Bonds, and thus do their share in helping to relieve the heavy financial burden that now encumbers the Chinese Government. The Chinese Legation at Bangkok has been instructed to take up the matter with these merchants and as soon as they have arrived at a definite conclusion as to the exact amount they are willing to purchase, a special officer will be sent to take the bonds to them. A medal will also be awarded them for their loyalty.

famine in China—an achievement, by the way, which was not the least remarkable of what he did.

In the life of the Settlement Mr. Drummond played a great part. He was one of the founders of the Country Club, one of the founders of the Rubicon Club, one of the founders of the Perak Sugar Co., and one of the first residents of the Kuling Foreign Estate. He was a great player of lawn tennis, a great yachting man and won many races on the Hsiung-pen. He was also passionately devoted to shooting, and was a fine shot. In early days in India he shot tigers. In China his house was a museum of rare birds and beasts which had fallen to his gun along the Yangtze, and he was an authority on their habits.

In municipal affairs he never served on the Council; rather he regarded himself as a critic of the Council, to play the part of the opposition in Parliament at Home. In this way he was responsible for many developments in Shanghai life, among which may be recalled the Button of the 3rd rank for the Mission House Fund which he managed to raise at a time of

FOOTBALL MATTERS.

Arrangements for the Shield
Re-play.

A circular issued by Mr. F. W. Eager states that the following matches have been arranged for to-morrow:—R. E. v. Police (U.S. L.), military ground, 4 p.m.; referee Mr. F. W. Wright; R. G. A. v. Club (U.S. L.), Club ground, 5.15 p.m.; referee Mr. F. W. Eager; Lam Liang v. University, military ground, 5.15 p.m.; referee Mr. W. H. Vireash.

The re-played Shield Final will take place on the Club ground at 4.10 p.m. on Saturday and 45 minutes will be played each way. The referee and linesmen will be the same as on Saturday last.

In case of draw, extra time, 15 minutes each way, will be played if practicable. No competition will be made on the ground. The match will be preceded by a game between Lusitano and the University, the final engagement in the 2nd Division of the League.

This game starts at 2.45 p.m., 35 minutes each way, and the referee will be Mr. A. A. Wilson.

Easter Monday Matches.

The following matches have been arranged for Easter Monday, April 5:—Club Grd. 3 p.m., Chinese v. Rest of the League, Div. II; referee Mr. A. A. Wilson.

Club Grd. 4.15 p.m., R.G.A. v. Rest of the Colony; referee Mr. F. W. Wright.

The H.K.F.A. have approved that no charge be made for admission to the grand enclosure. A collection will be made by the H.K.F.A. (the last of the season) and all profits will be divided equally between the Cigarette and Tobacco Fund, the Prince of Wales' Fund, and the Belgian Relief Fund.

After the second match, Mrs. H.R.B. Hancock, wife of the Association and League President, will present the cup and medals to the R.G.A. team, winners of the Hongkong League, Div. I.

U. S. League Table.

Club	P. W. L.	D. F. A. Pts.
Royal Navy	.8	6.1.115 313
R. E.	4.2	2.0.2.2.4
Police	3.1	1.2.3.3
R.G.A.	4.1	2.1.2.5.3
Club	5.0	4.1.210.1

Fiscal Reform for China.

Chang Hu, Director of the Salt Administration, has stated, to a representative of the *Peking Gazette*, that China would have no financial difficulties at all, if the land tax and other financial sources were properly reformed.

The land tax alone could yield \$300,000,000 a year to the Peking Government and China need not beg for entrance at the foreign borders with her hat in her hand.

to which allusion was recently made in these columns.

Throughout his life he was a man of extraordinarily keen and vital intellect, a personality to be felt on the most casual acquaintance, a friend to whom one could always turn in any difficulty with the certainty that from his resourceful brain some new idea would be evolved. As a speaker the form and clarity of his speeches could scarcely have been surpassed, and although it could not be said that he never changed his opinion, he was one who always knew his own mind and could see very far into any subject that he ever tackled.

He was an old personal friend of General Gordon, who stayed with him on several occasions, and his reminiscences of that great soldier—when he could be induced to speak of them—were exceptionally intimate and interesting.

Mr. Drummond's death will be regretted by many friends. He was, without question, one of the great men of China, and though from time to time differences of opinion might arise between him and those even whom he knew most intimately, there is not one who knew him that does not recall his memory with admiration and affection and lament his death with a sense of personal loss.

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NOTICE.

Easter Holidays and Ching Ming Festival.

Amsterdam, Feb. 16. The *Vossische Zeitung* publishes the following portion of a speech which the Kaiser, according to a letter from the Front, is said to have made to troops in a church in the Western theatre of war:

"I would have cordially wished that we all might have been able to spend the Holy Feast of Christmas peacefully and joyfully at our domestic hearths. That this cannot be the case is, as God is my witness, not my fault. I have not willed war.

It has been forced on us, and now, with God's help, we will fight it out to a glorious end."

"Degenerate T. ps."

Petrograd, February 15. Professor Bekhterski, the mental specialist, lecturing in the Town Hall here on "William II. and German Kultur," analysed the physical and mental characteristics of the Kaiser, and concluded by saying that William could not be classed as mentally unsound, but was rather of the degenerate Nero type, and would be held responsible for all his actions by nations and by history.

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MANILA	Yuensang	Sat., 3rd Apr. at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE	Hopsang	Tues., 6th Apr. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Onsang	Wed., 7th Apr. at 11 a.m.
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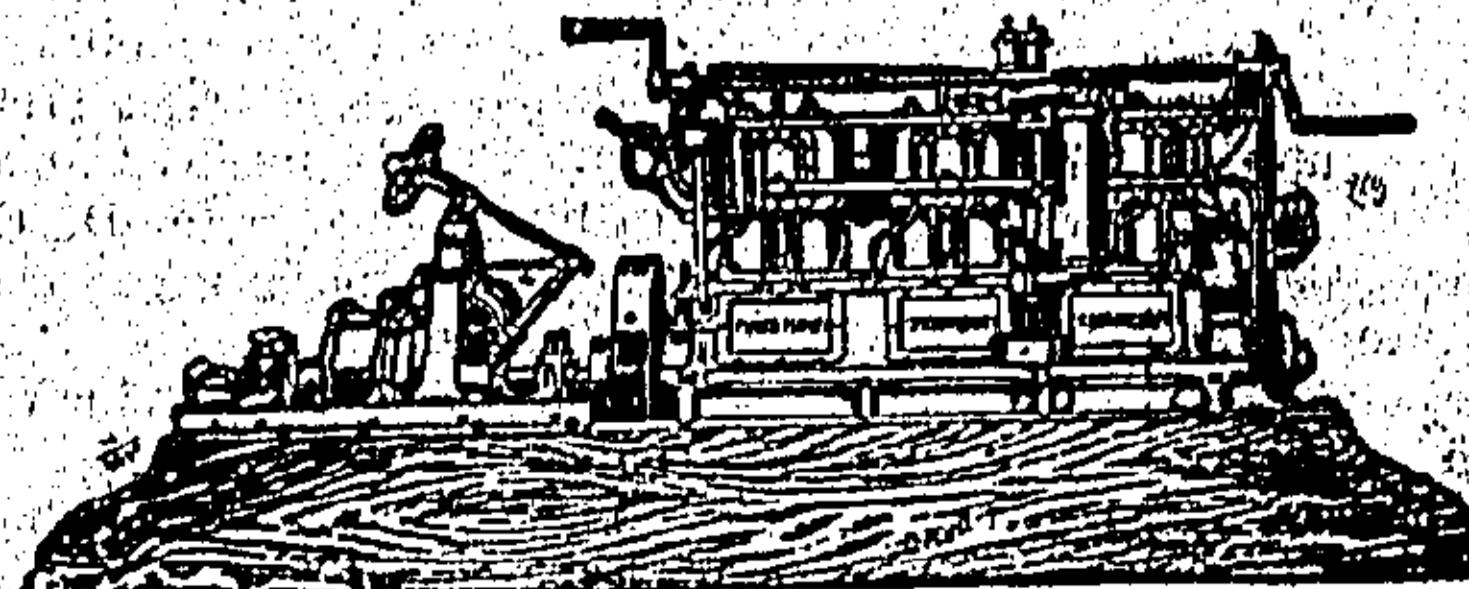
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V'toria, B.C., & S'le via S'hai &c. Tumba M.	N. Y. K.	6, Apr.	
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Vancouver via M'la & Japan &c. Nippon M.	T. K. K.	27, Apr.	
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan etc. Monteagle	C. P. R.	1, May	
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Shanghai	Anhui	B. & S.	1, Apr.
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The Australian Oriental Line TAI-YUAN left Sydney for Hongkong via Australian and Philippine Ports on 25th Inst. and may be expected to arrive on or about 19th April.

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THE HONG KONG TELEGRAPH.

EXTRA

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1915.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

Four Chinese Before the Magistrate.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court, this afternoon, four Chinese were charged with attempting to commit a robbery at 164, Wellington Street, on the 28th instant.

It appears that early in the evening of the date in question, the accused entered the house, which was occupied by an old woman and one of them seized her and tried to gag her with a towel. The noise that took place during the scuffle aroused the other occupants of the premises, and they called out "Save life!" The accused then ran away. The woman was able to identify the first defendant.

The apprehension of the men was proved by Detective Clark and Detective Henderson, the arrest taking place at Wan Chai. In the possession of the first and second defendant, two knives were found.

According to the evidence of a Chinese detective, he heard cries coming from the top floor. He saw the first defendant running down the stairs which led into Aberdeen Street. Witness caught the accused and took him back to the house. Witness there found two women and two little girls. He also saw other men running away.

Another witness said he saw that the complainant was bruised.

The hearing was proceeding as we went to press.

THE GREAT AIR RAID.

Submarines and Zeppelin Shed Destroyed.

Amsterdam, Feb. 16. The Sluis correspondent of the *Handelsblad* gives the following details about the raid. At Ostend, he says, only sheds near the sea and the station were badly damaged. The hotel terminus near the latter only suffered slightly. The bridge, called De Snel Emanier was badly damaged and all communication between the sea and the station was in consequence interrupted.

At Blankenberge the station and railway were totally destroyed.

At Zeebrugge, the correspondent says, the destruction was more severe. The Rombach central electric works and the coke factory were obliged to stop work. Owing to the want of motor power the bridges could not be worked. A Zeppelin shed, with the whole of its contents, was totally destroyed.

Amsterdam, February 15.

I understand from an authoritative source that in the recent Britain air raid on the Belgian coast considerable damage was done at Zeebrugge, where two work-shops containing submarines which were in the process of being mounted were shattered and twenty workmen wounded.

The raid came at a most opportune moment, as the German authorities at Zeebrugge had received orders to have at least six small submarines ready by the end of the present week.

The result of the raid will greatly assist to make German attacks on British merchant vessels impossible.—Exchange.

Amsterdam, February 15.

The *Telegraaf* learns from Sluis that at Mariakerke the Germans have demolished some villas situated in their line of fire.

Large numbers of troops are arriving at Ostend, where they are being billeted on the civilians. Trains full of wounded are running via Ostend to Thorhout.

Thorhout is also an important centre of military traffic.

OUR FOOTBALL LETTER.

Cup-ties and League Results.

(From our Special Correspondent.) London, Feb. 26.

Interest in the English cup competition is quickening. The clubs have been reduced to eight, or will be, when the two draws in the third round are played off, and yet there is more than the usual doubt as to what is likely to happen. There is still no favourite, or indeed any unbiased leaning towards a particular team. All that can be said from this point of view is that Oldham should win the cup for the first time. The tournament is now very much a First League affair, for Hull City are the only representatives of the Second League and Norwich City and Southampton of the Southern League.

A Fong, the well-known photographer, has sent us a number of excellent photographs of the recent police inspection.

MISSING DOCKYARD COAL.

The Police Inspection.

victory over Notts County. There were, however, important changes in both the Second and Southern Leagues. Derby County made practically their first mistake of the season in losing their home game with Clapton Orient, but even now they have a lead of five points as compared with the Arsenal. The latter did no better than they ought to have done in winning at Blackpool, but their away-form has been so disappointing that their success was unlooked for. Preston North End also made good progress, but neither they nor the London club are so well placed as Birmingham. Watford have come back in rather surprising fashion as leaders of the Southern League, in which Reading had been so long in front, but now appear to be under an eclipse. Millwall did splendidly in drawing with West Ham, and there will be no surprise if either of these London clubs win the championship. Results:

First League.

Sunderland	...	5
Blackburn Rovers	...	1
West Bromwich A.	...	0
Manchester U.	...	0
Tottenham Hotspur	...	2
Notts County	...	0

Second League.

Blackpool	...	0
Arsenal	...	2
Bristol City	...	0
Wolves	...	1
Bury	...	5
Glossop	...	0
Derby County	...	0
Clapton O.	...	3
Grimsby T.	...	6
Stockport C.	...	1
Huddersfield	...	2
Fulham	...	2
Lincoln C.	...	0
Leeds City	...	1
Notts F.	...	1
Leicester F.	...	3
Preston N. E.	...	5
Barnsley	...	2

Southern League.

Newcastle United	...	2
Queen's Park Rangers	...	1
Everton	...	2
Birmingham	...	2
Oldham	...	3
Bolton Wanderers	...	2
Burnley	...	3
Sheffield United	...	1
Bradford	...	1
Swindon	...	3
Cardiff City	...	3
Plymouth A.	...	2
Southend United	...	0
Northampton	...	2
Reading	...	1
Plymouth A.	...	3
Bristol Rovers	...	0
Watford	...	3
Croydon Common	...	0
West Ham U.	...	1
Millwall	...	1

CONTEMPORARY OPINION.

THE LUSITANIA AND THE FLAG.

(*Public Ledger*, Philadelphia.)

The following leading article is from the *Public Ledger* (Philadelphia) of February 8:—

That the German Government will recognise the real meaning of the spectacle presented in these columns yesterday—the St. Joseph's Troop of Boy Scouts enjoyed a hearty breakfast at the College, through the kind hospitality of the Brother Director. Close on 40 boys sat down to a large spread, which they manifestedly enjoyed.

Towards the close of the meal, Scoutmaster Edwards gave a pleasant surprise to the company by presenting Major Bowen, in a graceful little speech, with a parting gift from the Senior Troop, in the shape of the "Swastika" Badge—a Boy Scout token of thanks that is highly prized, entitling the recipient, as it does, to the services of any Scout in any part of the world.

In the course of a reply, Major Bowen said he had intended to say a few parting words to the boys, as this would be the last time he would have an opportunity of addressing them, and there were certain lessons he was anxious to press home to them; but first he could not help thanking them for the very delightful token of their regard which they had.

Continuing, he said that, while it was with deep regret he was severing his connection with them, he took pleasure in the thought that the Boy Scouts in Hongkong were sure to prosper. They had weathered some rough storms together, and the attendance at exercises had not always been as satisfactory as it might; but latterly they had experienced finer weather. Many people were beginning to interest themselves greatly in the movement. For the kindness of Lady May, whose unfailing sympathy and enthusiasm had done so much to encourage them all; Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Anstruther, who had all by their presence graced the parade last Saturday week; Major-General Kelly, who had always been their staunchest friend; the Commodore, a keen friend of boys; and for their patrons, the Bishop and Brother Director, they could not be sufficiently grateful.

The parade had been an unequalled success. Such success did much to stimulate them, but they must not think they were "the all and end all" or even the most desirable factor of Scout life.

That was the ideal they had to live up to, day by day and hour by hour, in season and out of season, in sunshine and in shadow. If they were able to acquitted themselves well in a show parade,

it was only by virtue of the sound, hidden, spade work done before and after, though none might see it. The Scout ideal was a high and noble one, rightly compared by Sir Robert Baden-Powell to the ancient ideals of chivalry.

It might be difficult to live up to always, but less difficult, he thought, for those who had been brought up in a great Christian school like St. Joseph's College.

The Brother Director and the Christian Brothers had shown their keen interest in the Troop by inviting it to breakfast that morning and by their kind presence there.

They were doing everything to forward its interests. The influence for good on a boy's after life by a great school could not be overestimated, and as long as the old boys of the Senior Troop kept in close and constant touch of their Alma Mater they could not fail to succeed in carrying out the high ideal of the Boy Scout.

The references to the College and the connection of the troop with it were received with great enthusiasm, and the mention of the

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

A BOY SCOUTS' BREAKFAST.

Interesting Presentations

Made on Sunday.

Under most adverse conditions,

Taikoo and the Volunteer Re-

serves shot off their match in the

Hongkong Rifle League on Sat-

urday. The various changes of the

most skilled shots to the utmost,

but in spite of the unfavourable

conditions it was a most keen

contested match, being shot for

all through, and the result

entirely rested on Mr. Watson's

last shot, which, fortunately for

the Reserves, was a "bull."

The scores were very poor, compared

with last April, when practically

the same men shot against each

other at King's Park, and the

scores were:—Taikoo, 721; Re-

serves, 721. The following are

the full scores:—

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Close Match Between Taikoo and the Reserves.

Germany's Hunger.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The official text of Germany's recent Note proposing that food cargoes be distributed among the civilian population of Germany under the supervision of American Consular officials, and urging Washington to support the right to ship food-stuffs for German non-combatants, is published to-day. By a singular coincidence the text of Germany's decree appropriating all foodstuffs in Germany for the use of the Government is published simultaneously.

"Give 'em One from Me."

Here is a refreshing story from a man home from the Falklands. Just in the thick of things on the Cornwall, when she had been badly hit, the gunners in one barbette became aware of a stoker's head thrust through a porthole, and a voice calling up to them, "I say, give 'em one from me; my name's Spink-S-p-i-n-o-k." So they chalked it on the next shell, which was a bull's eye.

The Cossack Hoax.

A field officer with whom I was obatting (writes the London cor-

respondent of the *Daily Dispatch*) gave me what he declared to be the true explanation of the famous Cossack "hoax" in August and September. According to him, the author of the hoax was Lord Kitchener himself, whose object in fathoming it was to strike the native imagination of the German commanders in Belgium and Northern France as they marched on Paris by the fear of a surprise on their right rear or flank from Ostend, Calais, or Cherbourg. This dread, so my friend assured me, was very real among the German staff, and accounted to some extent for Von Kiel's hurried retreat from the gates of Paris.

As to how Lord Kitchener set the ball rolling I was vouchsafed the following facts. He actually caused a fleet of nearly a hundred transports—laden with sundry goods—to be sent from the Scottish ports to Archangel, after insuring them with the Dutch agents of the German Lloyd, in order that the report of his alleged

intentions should duly reach the German General Staff. Shortly afterwards the trains really con-

veying British troops from Scotland and the North to the Chan-

nel ports were by his order

compelled to keep their blinds lowered in order to excite popular curiosity and speculation.

Meanwhile, the story of the arrival

of the Cossacks at Leith and other Scotch ports was industriously

circulated.

No reduction for apertures.

SPECIAL POLICE RESERVE.

Combined Parade.—All Companies will parade at the Central Police Station on Wednesday, March 31st, at 5.30 p.m. The 1st British Company will parade without arms. Recruits of the 1st Chinese Company will not attend.

Previous Orders for March 31st are cancelled.

Recruits of the 1st Chinese Company will attend at the Chin-

ese Y. M. C. A. (Bridge Street)

for Squad Drill under Sergeant

Mo Fung on Saturday, April

3rd, at 3 p.m.

F. C. JENKIN,
A. S. P. (RESERVE)

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by

Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V. D., state:—

Joined.—Sapper J. J. Gibbons

joined the Corps on 30th March, allotted Corps No. 1790, and posted to Engineer Company.

Resignation.—Pte. D. E. Garvin

is permitted to resign, dated 29th March.

Parades.—Parades for Wednes-

day, 31st instant, nil.

Detail.—On duty at Volunteer

Headquarters and Mount Austin

Barracks, H.K.V.R.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P.M.s. *MACHONIA* arrived at Manila on Saturday, the 27th inst. and sailed from that port for Hongkong the 29th inst., morning, having her due to reach Hongkong Wednesday, the 31st inst., morning.

NOTICES.

PRINCE OF WALES' FUND.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL GOOD FRIDAY,
at 9.15 p.m.

Spohr's

"LAST JUDGMENT."

NOTICE.
ANY EUROPEAN desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Provost Marshal, Head Quarters Offices, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height, complexion and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the hour of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes to the Provost Marshal at Head Quarters Offices between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. daily.

CONSIGNEES

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Steamship
"BRNVORLICH,"
From MIDDLE BRO., LONDON & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 31st inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signer on or before the 7th April or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st inst. at 11 a.m.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. Hongkong, 24th March, 1915.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"UMARIA," having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once, at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board at noon after the 5th inst. will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by the undersigned, DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD. Agents, Hongkong, 26th March, 1915.

MARTIN'S APIOL & STEEL PILLS

A French Remedy for all Troubles. Martin's Pill is the house-doctor on the first sign of any trouble of the nervous system, and there are many others, hence their name "The House Doctor." All Sizes, 10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 100s, 110s, 120s, 130s, 140s, 150s, 160s, 170s, 180s, 190s, 200s, 210s, 220s, 230s, 240s, 250s, 260s, 270s, 280s, 290s, 300s, 310s, 320s, 330s, 340s, 350s, 360s, 370s, 380s, 390s, 400s, 410s, 420s, 430s, 440s, 450s, 460s, 470s, 480s, 490s, 500s, 510s, 520s, 530s, 540s, 550s, 560s, 570s, 580s, 590s, 600s, 610s, 620s, 630s, 640s, 650s, 660s, 670s, 680s, 690s, 700s, 710s, 720s, 730s, 740s, 750s, 760s, 770s, 780s, 790s, 800s, 810s, 820s, 830s, 840s, 850s, 860s, 870s, 880s, 890s, 900s, 910s, 920s, 930s, 940s, 950s, 960s, 970s, 980s, 990s, 1000s, 1010s, 1020s, 1030s, 1040s, 1050s, 1060s, 1070s, 1080s, 1090s, 1100s, 1110s, 1120s, 1130s, 1140s, 1150s, 1160s, 1170s, 1180s, 1190s, 1200s, 1210s, 1220s, 1230s, 1240s, 1250s, 1260s, 1270s, 1280s, 1290s, 1300s, 1310s, 1320s, 1330s, 1340s, 1350s, 1360s, 1370s, 1380s, 1390s, 1400s, 1410s, 1420s, 1430s, 1440s, 1450s, 1460s, 1470s, 1480s, 1490s, 1500s, 1510s, 1520s, 1530s, 1540s, 1550s, 1560s, 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THE WAR.

COUNTRIES ENGAGED.

Germany	Britain.
Austria	Russia.
	France.
	Belgium.
Turkey	Japan.
	Serbia.
	Montenegro.

ARMY TERMS EXPLAINED.

Army corps is a complete army on a small scale in itself. The strength varies from 35,000 to 45,000 men. Division is a force of infantry, cavalry, and artillery, usually with a strength of from 15,000 to 20,000 men. Brigade is a force of infantry or cavalry. The infantry brigade is from 4,000 to 7,000 strong. The cavalry brigade is from 1,000 to 2,000 strong. Regiment of infantry is from 2,000 to 4,000 strong. A cavalry regiment is from 500 to 1,000 men strong. Squadron of cavalry is from 150 to 200 men strong. Battery of artillery in the British and French armies has 6 guns and about 200 men. In the German Army consists of 4 guns and 150 men. In the Russian Army it consists of 8 guns and 250 men.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

June 28—Archduke Francis Ferdinand assassinated.
July 23—Austria sends an ultimatum to Servia.
July 31—Russia orders general mobilisation.
Aug. 1—Germany declares war on Russia. French Cabinet orders general mobilisation.
Aug. 2—German forces enter Luxembourg. Germany demands free passage through Belgium.
Aug. 4—England sends ultimatum, demanding observance of Belgian neutrality. Germany rejects ultimatum.
Aug. 5—England announces a state of war with Germany.
Aug. 7—Germans enter Liege. French invade southern Alsace.
Aug. 8.—Italy reaffirms neutrality.
Aug. 15—Austrians enter Servia. Japan sends ultimatum to Germany.
Aug. 17—British expeditionary force completes its landing in France.
Aug. 19—Beginning of battle of Lorraine.
Aug. 20—Germans enter Brussels.
Aug. 23—Germans enter Namur and begin attack on Mons.
Aug. 24—British begin retreat from Mons.
Aug. 25—French evacuate Mülhausen.
Aug. 26—Non-partisan French Cabinet organised. Germans take Longwy.
Aug. 27—Louvain burned by Germans. Japanese blockade Tsingtao.
Aug. 28—Battle of Heligoland.
Sept. 2—German advance reaches Senlis, thirty miles from Paris, and swings eastward. French Government moves to Bordeaux.
Sept. 3—Russians occupy Lemberg.
Sept. 5—Battle of the Marne begins.
Sept. 7—Maubeuge taken by the Germans.
Sept. 12—German retreat halts on the Aisne.
Sept. 20—Germans bombard Rheims and injure the famous Cathedral.
Sept. 22—German submarine sinks British cruisers Aboukir, Cressy, and Hogue. Russians capture Jaroslav and invest Przemysl.
Sept. 26—British troops from India land at Marseilles.
Sept. 28—Germans begin siege of Antwerp.
Oct. 2—Germans defeated at Augustow.
Oct. 5—Belgian Government removed from Antwerp to Ostend.
Oct. 7—Bombardment of Antwerp begins.
Oct. 9—Antwerp occupied by the Germans.

Oct. 12—A Boer commando in the Cape Province mutinies.
Oct. 13—Belgian Government transferred from Ostend to Havre.
Oct. 14—Allies occupy Ypres. Battle begins on the Vistula.
Oct. 15—Ostend occupied by the Germans.
Oct. 16—British cruiser Hawke sunk by German submarine.
Oct. 24—Ten days' battle before Warsaw ends in German defeat.
Oct. 27—Russians reoccupy Lodz and Radom.
Oct. 29—Turkey begins war on Russia by naval attacks on Odessa and in the Crimea.
Oct. 30—Col. Marjiz, rebel leader driven out of Cape Colony.

Nov. 1—German naval victory off the coast of Chili.
Nov. 3—German squadron makes a raid on British coast near Yarmouth.
Nov. 4—German cruiser Yorck strikes mine in Jade Bay and sinks.
Nov. 5—England and France declare war on Turkey. British forts bombarded. Russians reoccupy Jaroslaw.
Nov. 6—Tsingtao surrenders.
Nov. 7—Russians enter East Prussia.
Nov. 10—The Emden destroyed.
Nov. 11—Germans capture Dixmude.
Nov. 12—Russians occupy Johannisburg in East Prussia.
Nov. 19—House of Commons votes a new army of 1,000,000 men. More than 1,100,000 men already under arms, exclusive of Territorials.
Nov. 23—Russians surround German corps south of Lodz.
Nov. 26—British battleship Bulwark destroyed by explosion in the Medway River. Germans break through Russian circle near Lodz.

Dec. 1—German Reichstag votes new credit of five billion marks. King George in Flanders.
Dec. 2—Austrians occupy Belgrade. Gen. De Wet captured.
Dec. 3—Servians turn on Austrians in three day's battle which ends in a notable Servian victory.
Dec. 6—Germans occupy Lodz.
Dec. 8—British naval victory off Falkland Islands. British occupy Bussorah, in Asia Minor.
Dec. 9—Gen. Byers, Boer leader, killed at the Vaal River.
Dec. 13—British submarine sinks the Messudieh in Dardanelles.
Dec. 14—Servians capture large Austrian forces.
Dec. 15—Austrians evacuate Belgrade.
Dec. 16—German cruisers bombard Scarborough and Hartlepool.
Dec. 18—Egypt proclaimed a British protectorate. Gen. Botha regards Boer rebellion as at an end.

Dec. 20-26—Severe fighting on the line of the Bzura River.
Dec. 22—French Parliament assembles.
Dec. 23—French Chamber votes war credit of £340,000,000.
Dec. 25—British naval and aerial raid against Cuxhaven.
Dec. 28.—French occupy St. Georges, near Newport.

Jan. 1, 1915—British battleship Formidable sunk in the Channel.
Jan. 3—French capture Steinbach.
Jan. 4—Russians win decisive victory over Turks in the Caucasus. Russians overrun Bakovina.
Jan. 8—French advance across Aisne, north of Soissons.
Jan. 13—Turks occupy Tabriz. Count Berchtold resigns.
Jan. 19—German air fleet bombard Yarmouth and other Norfolk coast towns.

Jan. 21—General Falkenhayn, German War Minister, resigns.
Jan. 24—British naval victory in North Sea: the Blucher sunk.
Jan. 26—Germans lose two battalions at Givenchy and Cuinchy.
Jan. 31—Germany inaugurates submarine raids on British shipping.
Feb. 3—German destroyers sunk by Russian submarine off Denmark. German auxiliary cruiser sunk off Patagonia.

Feb. 5—Turks attempt to cross Suez Canal.
Feb. 8—Total British casualties 104,000. Turks retreat from Suez Canal.
March 22—Przemysl surrendered to the Russians.

"THRONE OF SKULLS."

Remarkable Manifesto by German Socialists.

The following circular has been issued by the committee of the German Humanity League:
Dear Comrades.—Six months have passed since our Government declared war upon Russia, violated the neutrality of Belgium, and plunged the nation into a devastating campaign, now proceeding in three Continents, without the slightest justification, as is amply proved by documentary evidence.

In the Reichstag absolutely false explanations were given. Social Democrats in a body failed to support Dr. Liebknecht in the honourable protest he made against the war credits. We are as yet deserted by our shepherds. We bid you take courage to carry on to the utmost of your power the propaganda of enlightenment which alone can awaken the nation from the peril of trusting to perjured miscreants who have so basely deceived us.

Switzerland, true to her mission, has resisted all financial attempts to allow her railroads to be used for secret invasion of France.

Austria, realising the growing danger of internal disorders, seeks to obtain a peace

which the Allied Powers have refused, so long as a single German soldier or official remains in Belgium.

Japan, in terms of pointed significance, has let it be known at Washington that she

views with increasing displeasure the terrible and undeserved barbarities to which the Belgian nation has been subjected. These are all signs of hope.

Comrades, we know the sacrifices imposed upon the nation.

We also know the brave efforts you have made and are making.

The injury to the cause of international brotherhood inflicted by our Socialist comrades who have deserted from our ranks and joined our oppressors will not be repaired in a day.

We know that it is useless to talk of peace until Prussia is deposed from her throne of skulls,

and we call upon every worker who yearns for an end of this infamous war to assist in breaking up the group of Russian conspirators which has indelibly disgraced Germany in the eyes of the civilised world.

The circular is signed by Karl Bernstein, president, and Albrecht Zettel, secretary, and dated from Rotterdam, February 3.

The German Humanity League is an organisation that carries little weight, but the protest will be of interest to those who believe that the end of the war may possibly be brought about by a rising of German Socialists.

Feb. 6—Allies resolve to unite financial resources.
Feb. 10—Germans execute the rebel Mori.

Feb. 17—Canadian contingent lands in France.

Feb. 20-27—Over 10,000 Germans surrender in France.

Feb. 27—Allied Fleet enters the Dardanelles after destructive bombardment.

Mar. 1—House of Commons votes supplementary credit of 37 millions and a fresh credit of 250 millions.

March 8—British aeroplanes attack Ostend.

Mar. 9—Second Canadian contingent lands in England.

March 10—Four German submarines scuttled for.

March 10—British capture Neuve Chapelle.

March 14—Announced that German losses in La Basseregion total 10,000 in three days.

March 14—German cruiser Diether sunk off Juan Fernandez Island.

March 16—Sir John French estimates German losses in La Basseregion to be 17,000.

March 18—British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and French battleship Bouvet sunk by floating mines in Dardanelles. Admiralty announces that it has reason to believe the Karlsruhe was sunk off the West Indies in November.

March 19—Russia enters Marmar East Prussia.

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NOTICES

"WHO CARRIES THE RISK?"

The man who carries no Life Assurance does not, as he thinks, carry his own risk; he compels his family to carry it. When he dies the loss does not fall on him, but on his dependents, and the price they often pay is self-denial, privation and want. Nor is the Bachelor in any better position, since he is taking the chance of others providing for his old age.

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PHOTOGRAPH

The photograph on the current issue depicts the Boy Scouts' Parade on the 20th March.

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 10th day of April, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of Account and the report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1914, and declaring a Dividend.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 1st April to Saturday, 10th April, 1915, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1915.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE

The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, 31st March, 1915, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th instant to the 12th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GEO. A. CALDWELL,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1915.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

The 31st Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, 6 Connaught Road, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 31st March, 1915, at 12 o'clock Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1914, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

AUSTRALIA AND THE WAR.

Among the many vast and sweeping changes brought about by the great war none will be more enduring and entail such great potentialities as the new status acquired by the Commonwealth of Australia within the bounds of the British Empire. The great Southern island has apparently come at one bound into the position which Fate has long been preparing for her, and it will rest upon her statesmen and her people to make that position one that all may admire without envy. We have every confidence that she will make good. Australia has had a fairly chequered career since the days when the first British settlers appeared upon her shores. At times it seemed doubtful in what direction her destiny would take her, and many a wise head was shaken as one strange step—politically and socially—was taken after the other. It looked at one time as if her policies would become as corrupt as those of America in the days of the Great Tweed ring and the supremacy of Tammany, but fortunately the nation, at heart, was sound and with the federation of the various states all danger of parochialism at its narrowest and worst passed away.

The Australian has developed a racial type apart from the New Zealander, the Africander, the Canadian or the British Columbian. It would be difficult to say where the difference lies, but it is there all the same. It is a very independent type of character, very self-possessed and fully assured that God has planted it in the finest country in the whole wide world. It is democratic in quite a different way to the democracy of the United States; it is less self-assertive, perhaps; it still believes in many of the old traditions of the great and ancient race from which it sprang, while its enthusiasm for the British Empire as the most desirable political organisation yet evolved by man borders on the sublime. And it justifies the faith that is in it by its actions. Australia's contribution, both in men and material, to the defence of British honour in the present war is a thing really to marvel at even in these days when marvellous things are of such frequent occurrence as to become mere commonplaces.

But a still greater thing may be required of Australia than anything yet asked of her, and we have no doubt that with the command will come the ready response. It is highly probable that she will be asked to take her share in the guardianship of the lands which Fate, Destiny, or Good Fortune—call it what you will—have added to the Empire owing to the war. As Mr. J. M. Myers points out in "United Empire":—"One of the results of the war to which it is possible to look forward with confidence is the disappearance of German dominion in the Pacific. With that disappearance is likely to come the recognition of the soundness of the ideal towards which Australian statesmanship has been tending in recent years—the guardianship by the British Dominions in the Southern Seas of British possessions and interests in those waters. The con-

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ception of a family of nations, comprising the British Empire, will receive a wider and nobler signification if on the self-governing dominions is conferred the obligation of governing on behalf of the Empire extra territorial Imperial possessions. Perhaps the greatest danger, from an Imperial point of view, with which Australia has always been confronted—from its isolation and great distance from Europe—is that it may become too parochial in its outlook on problems of Empire and that, whilst its co-operation with the Mother Country may be perfectly cordial, the realisation of duties towards the Empire as a whole may be imperfect and confused. Already the responsibilities of Government of territory outside its own boundaries have been undertaken by the Commonwealth in Papua, and the gigantic problem which awaits solution in the Northern Territory has opened the eyes of public men in Australia to the fact that they have to face the same difficulties and dangers with the same large heart and broad-minded statesmanship which men of British race have employed in building up the British Empire from its earliest beginnings. The responsibility of administering these island possessions, which Australia has captured from the Empire's enemy on behalf of the Empire, with their native races and variegated problems, should do much to enlarge the vision of Australian statesmanship and uplift the whole tone and purpose of the government of the Commonwealth."

Will our statesmen rise to the occasion and give Australia permanently that share in the guardianship of the "outer marches of the Empire" which she is at present discharging? We earnestly hope they will. It will be a new and momentous stage in our Imperial development, but it certainly will be but the logical outcome of the events of the day.

Polish Volunteer Corps.

According to a telegram from *Le Temps* correspondent in Petrograd, the National Polish Committee in Warsaw has been informed from America that a division of Polish volunteers is being formed there. This division, on account of the United States being neutral, is being trained in Canada. The headquarters are in Ottawa. Sixteen thousand volunteers have up to now enlisted. Almost all of them have already served in the army. The Polish division, for the equipment of which the Canadian Government will pay, will fight with the Franco-British army.

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POST OFFICE.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ALTHOUGH EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION IS TAKEN TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF ALL POSTAL PACKETS WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE POST OFFICE THE POSTMASTER GENERAL CANNOT GIVE COMPENSATION FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE WHICH MAY BE DUE TO THE ACT OF THE KING'S ENEMIES. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE NO LETTERS, BOXES, OR PARCELS FOR BELGIUM BRAZIL, CRETE OR MONTENEGRO AND NO LETTERS, BOXES OR PARCELS FOR MALTA CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR INSURANCE.

War risks are not covered by postal registration or insurance.

THE PARCEL POST AND INSURED LETTER SYSTEM TO BRAZIL IS SUSPENDED.

The services to Germany, Austria, and their Colonies, and to the Ottoman Empire are suspended as are also the Parcel Post services to France & Tsingtau.

British Postal Orders are now on sale at the Sui Yung Foon Branch Post Office.

The Public are advised to post early as there is a danger of late posted correspondence missing the mail owing to the concurrence.

The afternoon Mail for Canton will close at the General Post Office at 6 p.m. No late bag will be closed on board the steamer.

The Pillar Box formerly at the junction of Kimberley and Nathan Roads has been removed to the junction of Austin Avenue and Kimberley Road.

Commencing on Saturday, the 27th inst., a mail for Canton will be closed at the G.P.O. or early Saturday, at 6 p.m.

MAIL CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Swatow & Bangkok—Per STANDARD, 31st inst., 9 a.m.
Strait & Ceylon—Per NAMUR, 31st Mar., 9 a.m.
Hai Phong—Per DAICI M., 31st inst., 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 1st April.

Hoihow & Haiphong—Per LOKSANG, 1st April, 9 a.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong—Per HANOI, 1st April, 11 a.m.

Straits, Burma, India via Calcutta—Per UMARIA, 1st April, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—ANHUI, 1st April, 3 p.m.
(Tientsin Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 5th April.)

Shanghai & N. China—Per CHOYSANG, 1st April, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, 2nd April.

Chinwangtao—Per ALBIANA, 2nd Apr., 9 a.m.
Chefoo & Tientsin—Per KUEIUCHOW, 2nd April, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Vladivostok & Japan via Yokohama—Per SARCO LA, 2nd April, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAI CHING, 2nd April, noon.

Shanghai, & North China—Per LIANG CHOW, 2nd April, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, 3rd April.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Moji, Per NELLORO, 3rd inst., 9 a.m.

Hai Phong—Per KAIFONG, 3rd April, 9 a.m.

Saigon, Swatow, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaid, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe, Late Letters 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail). The parcel mail will be closed on Friday the 9th April at 5 p.m.—Per ORIENTAL, 10th April, 11 a.m.

French Mail: Shanghai & N. China—Per KANCHOW, 3rd April, noon.

American Mail: Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P.O. Thursday, the 8th April.]

Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 3rd April, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, 4th April.

Swatow, Amoy Formosa via Tamsui—Per DALIN M., 4th April, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Ningpo & Tashio—Per SOHNU M., 4th April, 4 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Ernest Simons, Fr. 3,542, Valat, 30th inst.—Marseilles, Gen.—M. M.

Hinang, Br. ss. 1,885, A. C. Kennedy, 30th inst.—Sandakan, 24th inst. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Yuenlong, Br. ss. 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 30th inst.—Manila, 27th inst. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Sangala, Br. ss. 3,349, R. A. Milne, 30th March—Saigon, 25th Mar. Gen.—S. & Co.

Hopsang, Br. ss. 1,359, C. A. Robertson, 30th March—Bangkok, 13th Mar. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Namur, Br. ss. 4,188, A. Collyer, 31st Mar.—Foochow, 23rd Mar. Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Sultan van Langkat, Dut. ss. 2,292, P. Prins, 30th inst.—Singapore, 23rd March—Bukit—A.P. & Co.

DEPARTED.

March 29.

Taiwan Maru for Saigon
Sungklang for Haiphong
Shaoching for Shanghai
Albala for Canton

Ceylon Maru for Yokohama via Hainan
Hokuto Maru for Yokohama

Kwangsang for Saigon
Kaiko Maru for Tamsui via Swatow

Ixion for Vancouver via Kuching
Chingchow for Port Persic

Chiuyien for Canton

American for Kwang-chow-wan

Choyang for Canton

Lennox for New York via Singapore

Telosias for London via Singapore

Auhul for Canton

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

March 30.

Canada Maru for Victoria via Manila

St. Erbert for New York via Shanghai

Kueishow for Canton

Tientsin for Newkowang

Haimun for Foochow via Swatow

Ichang for Shanghai

Foochow for Bangkok

Chinhua for Iloilo via Manila

Linan for Amoy

Namur for London via Singapore

Chusan for Bangkok via Swatow

Dalgi Maru for Haiphong

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 30.

1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. Direction of Wind, to two points.

5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r snow, s thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day Old Date On date

at 8 a.m. at 8 a.m. at 8 p.m.

Barometer 30.11 30.15 30.15

Temperature 68 62 65

Humidity 91 76 62

Wind Direction E E E

Wind Force 2 5 4

Weather o o o

Rain — 0.04 —

Highest min. Temperature on the 29th Mar.

Lowest min. Temperature on the 29th Mar.

H.K. Observatory, 30th March.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

29th Mar. to 4th Apr., 1915.

High Water Mean High Water Mean High Water Mean

Low Water Mean Low Water Mean Low Water Mean

Time. H Time. H Time. H

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